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Mr. Steve Hurst
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Dear Mr. Hurst,

We are writing to express our sincere thanks for your active and thoughtful participation in the Expert Committee on advance market commitments (AMCs) for vaccines in Paris, February 27 and 28, 2006.

The recommendations made by this Committee have now been shared with the G7 Deputies as they prepare for discussions by the G7 Ministers of Finance in April. We are confident that the process which you have been part of will result in a decision to utilise the innovative AMC concept to accelerate the development and access of priority vaccines for developing countries—ultimately delivering life-saving vaccines to the people who most need them. This will be a very important step by the G7 which will communicate both a new commitment to global health by the richest nations and a recognition of the crucial need for innovative solutions to development challenges.

We will ensure that you are kept informed of progress and plans by G7 governments for announcing the outcome of the Spring meetings. In addition, communications materials will be prepared and sent to you in advance of a G7 announcement.

Once again, we very much appreciate your willingness to engage in what was both a challenging and time-constrained task, and look forward to any opportunities for continued dialogue following the G7 decision in the Spring.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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